

**COLUMBUS-STILLWATER COUNTY  
CITY-COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Stillwater County Annex Planning Department, 809 E. 4th Avenue N., Suite C**

**Members Present:** Ed Viig (President), Ron Barndt, Dennis Holten, Jeanne Kienitz, Webb Mandeville, Jeff Ruffatto, and Susie Schreiner.

**Members Not Present:** Rod Fink (Vice-President) and Don Parks.

**Staff Present:** Forrest Mandeville and Marissa Plumb

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Viig called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m..

**II. MINUTES**

Jeanne made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2009 meeting.  
Ron seconded; with all in favor, motion carried.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Establish 2010 Meeting Dates.** Forrest read Resolution 2010-01, the yearly resolution to establish the year's meeting dates, to the Board. Refer to the resolution for details. Jeff motioned to pass the resolution as written and have all 2010 meetings be on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.. Jeanne seconded; with all in favor, motioned carried.

**B. Election of Officers.** President Viig opened up the meeting for nominations for President. Webb requested the Board keep the same President and Vice president since both Ed and Rod can serve one more consecutive year in those seats, pursuant to the Board's by-laws. Webb nominated Ed to serve another term as President and Rod to serve another term as Vice-President. Ron seconded; with all in favor, motion carried.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Growth Policy.** Forrest informed the Board of the three possible next steps for the revision process with the Columbus Area Growth Policy. Since the Board has already gone through it section by section, they can either start re-writing the Growth Policy immediately, leave it as is until either ten years pass or better information or demographic change necessitates earlier re-writing, or only amend it in sections as needed. The Board's consensus has been to at least wait until the 2010 Census information is available this summer and then decide what should be done with it, most likely a full re-writing. Forrest will draft a letter for Ed to sign, which will be sent to the appropriate governing bodies informing them of the Board's decision. Dennis motioned to wait to make a decision on revisions to the Columbus Area Growth Policy until there is updated information available with the 2010 Census. Ron seconded; with all in favor, motion carried.

**B. Trails System.** Forrest provided the Board with a draft of the Columbus Area Trails Plan. The Board went through it page by page for errors and corrections. Among several suggested changes, Dennis noted that there may be security issues that need to be addressed in areas of the trail such as around the Columbus High School and up by the water tower. Forrest will make all the corrections noted by the Board and provide an update draft for February's meeting. Forrest also informed the Board that a public hearing should be held so they can get adequate public input regarding location of the trails. The Board decided that the corrections and additions will be done for the February meeting and then a public hearing will be scheduled for the March meeting. Ed requested the maps of the trails system to be printed on 11x17 inch paper on the final draft because the locations of the trails were hard to find on the smaller paper. Webb would like to see an article in the paper about the trails system that would also include a map so the people in the community can view it before the public hearing. Forrest will be in contact with the newspaper and look into getting an article together. The Board also voiced concerns regarding landowners where parts of the trail would be on their property. Jeanne and Webb recommended that Forrest contact those landowners.

**C. Rapelje Interstate Exchange.** Forrest shared the letter from the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) regarding their decision on the issue. See attached letter from the BOCC for details. The letter states that the County is not interested at this time to incur financial responsibility but will keep the idea in mind for future possibilities. Ron said that it was brought up at the Town Council meeting but no action was taken on the issue. The Board requests a letter from the Town with their decision stated. Ron mention that the Town is on the same page as the County in not wanted to incur financial responsibilities at this time. Ron will get a letter from the Town stating their decision.

## **V. OTHER**

No other business was discussed.

## **VI. ADJOURN**

With no more business, Dennis made the motion to adjourn. Jeanne seconded; with all in favor motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m..

The next regular meeting date is February 23, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. and to be held at the Stillwater County Annex Planning Department building.

Marissa Plumb  
Administrative Assistant